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METAL BELLOWS TUBE, METHOD OF  
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FLEXIBLE  
TUBE FOR HIGH-PRESSURE FLUID

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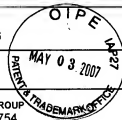
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